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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The settlement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft should be enacted at the earliest convenience of the Justice Department. Three years have now passed since the inception of this litigation. Since this time, enormous amounts of money have been spent in pursuing this litigation. Given the recent recession and decline in budgetary resources, to pursue this issue any further would be a sad waste of funds. Therefore, I urge you to enact the settlement reached back in November. The settlement works as a barrier against Microsoft's more cutthroat business practices, while maintaining the company's ability to deliver efficient, integrated software to consumers worldwide.

The settlement agreement contains many compromises on Microsoft's behalf. Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against manufacturers that ship software that competes with Microsoft. In addition, Microsoft has agreed to license Windows at the same rate to the larger PC manufacturers. Finally, Microsoft will also disclose many of the protocols within the Windows system.

In the end, the enactment of this settlement will be beneficial to everyone involved. Please enact the settlement.

Sincerely,

John and Susan Chappell